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SUBJECT: IRAN ADOPTS BRUSSELS NOMENCLATURE

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1. MINECON ANSARZ ANNOUNCED MARCH 20 GOI' S 1352 TRADE REGIME AND ADOPTION OF BRUSSELS TARIFF AGREEMENT (ASSESSMENT OF DUTIES ON BASIS VALUE) EFFECTIVE AS OF MARCH 22, 1973. ANSARY ALSO ANNOUNCED ABOLITION OF COMMERCIAL BENEFITS TAX (CBT) ON IMPORTS OF PLATE GLASS, BUTTER, CHEESE, BARLEY, POTATOES, FISH CAKE FOR ANIMAL FEE, UNWASHED WOOL, AND SHOE LEATHER. CBT' S WERE REDUCED ON ANOTHER 29 TARIFF CATEGORIES INCLUDING WOOLEN YARN, WOOD, AND TOWELING. TRADE REGULATIONS FOR 1352 REMOVE RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF MAN- MADE TEXTILES, STOCKINGS, TOWELS, BISCUITS, SAUSAGE, DDT, CAUSTIC SODA AND CHLORINE, BUT, (IN MOVE PROTECT LOCAL INDUSTRY), MAKE PURCHASES ABROAD OF FLUORESCENT LAMPS, LIGHT BULBS, TV LAMPS, FAN COILS, REFRIGERATOR COMPRESSORS, AND SOME SAWS SUBJECT PRIOR APPROVAL MINISTRY OF ECONOMY. IN NEGOTIATING PLOY VIS A VIS COMMON MARKET MINISTRY ECOMOMY ALSO GIVEN POWER SUGGEST IMPOSITION TRADE BARRIERS AGAINST GOODS OF COUNTRIES DISCRIMINATING AGAINST IRAN. FUR-
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THER DETAILS FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.

2. COMMENT: 1352 TRADE REGULATIONS OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED REDUCE
PRESSURE ON FOOD AND BUILDING PRICES AND TO ENCOURAGE AND PROTECT
LOCAL INDUSTRY. SHOE, BUILDING, AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES GIVEN
ESPECIALLY FAVORABLE TREATMENT. THINLY VEILED TREAT IMPOSE
NEW TRADE RESTRICTION DIRECTED AGAINST EEC WHICH HAS YET MAKE

TRADE CONCESSIONS DESIRED BY GOI. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE
1352 TRADE REGIME WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT U. S. EXPORTS TO IRAN,
BUT WE WILL WATCH THIS SITUATION CLOSELY AND MAKE REPRESENTATIONS
AS REQUIRED TO PROTECT OUR COMMERCIAL INTERESTS. REFTEL
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